

*Negative*—Messrs. Buchanan, Pres't., *pro tem.*, Donaldson, Sellman, Merrick, Howard, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood of Talbot, Chambers of Cecil, McCullough, Miller, McLane, Spencer, George, Wright, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Harcastle, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Prestman, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Brewer, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—50.

Mr. SCHLEY renewed the following proposition as the second section:

"Shall consist of sixty-seven members, to be apportioned among the several counties, according to the following ratio: Every county shall elect one delegate for every seven thousand souls it may contain and for any fraction above half of said number, there shall be allowed to every county having such excess, one additional delegate. The city of Baltimore shall be entitled to the same number of delegates as the county which shall be entitled to the largest representation, and no county shall have less than two delegates."

Mr. DORSEY moved to amend the substitute by striking out all thereof, and inserting the following:

Art. 2 The House of Delegates shall, until altered by the Legislature as hereinafter provided for, consist of eighty-three members; to be apportioned amongst the counties and city of Baltimore, as follows: one delegate to each county and the city of Baltimore as the representative of the territory thereof; and one delegate for every eight thousand of its inhabitants, and one for every fraction thereof, exceeding four thousand, until the entire population of the county or city to the number of forty thousand shall be represented; and for every thirty thousand inhabitants of any county or the city of Baltimore, above the said forty thousand one additional delegate shall be elected in such county or city. And after every decennial census, the General Assembly of Maryland shall adjust the representation in the House of Delegates according to the principles contained in this article of the Constitution. And in order that each and every portion of the city of Baltimore may be fairly represented, and its various interests protected in the Legislature; for the purpose of electing delegates therein, the city of Baltimore shall be divided into ten districts, as follows: The first and second wards as now laid off, shall constitute District No. 1; the third and fourth wards, District No. 2; the fifth and sixth wards District No. 3; the seventh and eighth wards, District No. 4; the ninth and tenth wards, District No. 5; the eleventh and twelfth wards, District No. 6; the thirteenth and fourteenth wards, District No. 7; the fifteenth and sixteenth wards, District No. 8; the seventeenth and eighteenth wards, District No. 9; and the nineteenth and twentieth wards, District No. 10. The qualified voters in each of said districts shall at the time and in the manner, in which delegates are chosen, elect one delegate,

who has been for one year next before his election a resident of the ward from which he shall be elected; and has in all other respects the requisite qualifications of a delegate.

Art. 3. Of the eighty-three members constituting the House of Delegates, Allegany county shall elect four, Anne Arundel county four, Baltimore city ten, Baltimore county six, Carroll county four, Caroline county two, Calvert county two, Cecil county three, Charles county three, Dorchester county three, Frederick county six, Harford county three, Howard county three, Kent county two, Montgomery county three, Prince George's county four, Queen Anne's county three, St. Mary's county three; Somerset county four, Talbot county three, Washington county five, and Worcester county three.

A motion was made that the Convention adjourn;

And the yeas and nays being taken,

It was decided in the negative: yeas 29, nays 55.

Mr. SHOWER moved the previous question.

Mr. BLAKISTONE moved that there be a call of the Convention.

A motion was made to adjourn,

Which was not agreed to by yeas and nays: yeas 37, nays 47.

Mr. BLAKISTONE thought that the question now before the Convention was the great question of the session. A proposition had been submitted by the distinguished gentleman from Anne Arundel, which had just been handed to the Chair.

Mr. BOWIE hoped the gentleman would yield to a motion to adjourn.

Mr. BLAKISTONE said that he would be perfectly satisfied to do so. He did not wish to inflict upon the ear of the Convention a speech. He had not trespassed upon their time, and he hoped they would indulge him. But, for the purpose of retaining the floor, he would move that the Convention adjourn.

And the Convention accordingly adjourned.

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SATURDAY, March 22, 1851.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock.

Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. GRIFFITH.

The roll was called,

And a quorum was present.

STATE'S ATTORNEYS.

Mr. RICAUD rose and said:

That he was not present when the bill in relation to the office of Attorney General was under consideration. He had desired and intended to be in his seat at the time that subject was discussed, but he had been prevented by indispensable business. He found, that in his absence, the bill had been considered, amended and ordered to be reprinted. He desired to offer an additional section to the report.